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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Helmut Lehning et al

Title: DUAL COVER SYSTEM WITH CLAMPING CLOSURE MECHANISM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been discussed in the search report of the corresponding international application. Of the cited references, only US 5 975 326, which is assigned to the assignee of the present application, was marked "X" as being pertinent with regard to claim 1.

However, this, nor any of the other references, show that in a cover of a container for a dual cover system, wherein the cover and container have both a round or polygonal shape with a seal arranged between the container and the cover and wherein the cover includes at least two clamping closure mechanisms operable by an operating structure arranged in the center of the cover and having operating arms extending to the clamping

closure mechanisms for synchronous operation thereof, each clamping closure mechanism includes an outwardly extending elbow lever structure with an upper pivotal support bearing on the cover and a lower pivotal support bearing mounted on a support arm movable up and downwardly by the operating structure.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Bach".

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